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AUG 18 MORNING PRESS QUOTED EDITORIALS ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S REMARKS ABOUT PORTUGAL IN BIRMINGHAM FROM NEW YORK TIMES, LONDON MORNING STAR AND TASS GIVING PROMINENT FIRST PLAY TO NYTIMES DESCRIPTION OF TALK AS "JUST THE RIGHT MEASURE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT FOR PORTUGUESE DEMOCRATIC FORCES"...BUT "A LATE SHOW OF ENCOURAGEMENT." NYTIMES EDITORIAL EXCERPTS MENTIONED IN DIARIO DE NOTICIAS (DN) AND SECULO FOLLOW: "AFTER HAVING LONG ACCEPTED SEIZURE OF POWER BY COMMUNISTS AS INEVITABLE, SECSTATE KISSINGER FINALLY PUT U.S. POLICY ON MORE CONSTRUCTIVE PATH... AND "A GREAT DEAL OF CREDIT MUST BE GIVEN TO THE ENERGETIC U.S. AMBASSADOR FRANK CARLUCCI WHO FROM THE VERY BEGINNING SENT REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH DID AWAY WITH FATALISTIC AND PRECONCEIVED NOTIONS IN WASHINGTON." BOTH PAPERS GAVE SECONDARY PLAY SAME ARTICLES TO LONDON MORNING STAR'S COMMENTS LIKENING SECRETARY'S ATTITUDE TOWARD PORTUGAL TO U.S. POLICY IN VIETNAM AND CHILE AND TASS' TELEGRAM STATING THAT "ALTHOUGH SECSTATE KISSINGER PROVIDED AN AMERICAN VERSION OF THE FACTS," HE RECOG-
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NIZED THAT EVENTS IN PORTUGAL ARE RESULT OF PORT. HISTORICAL

EVOLUTION." PAPERS NOTED THAT TASS DID NOT MENTION WARNING TO
SOVIETS REGARDINT INTERFERENCE IN PORTUGAL.
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